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THE CONFERENCE PAPER.

With this number THE NEWS LETTER completes its fifth year. Looking back over its files one sees that it has largely been devoted to notices and reports of denominational gatherings and news from the churches. Beyond this, it has brought the brief word of contributing ministers to other congregations than their own, has kept the secretary in monthly touch with nearly every one of our churches and last, but not least, has brought cheer, comfort and inspiration to scattered liberals for whom it was the only point of contact with their kind. For the five-year period the excess of cost over income from subscriptions has been $110. On the whole, it has justified the faith of its founder, Rev. W. M. Backus.

A desire on the part of the Western Conference to increase the size and effectiveness of its official organ, supported by the action of the Iowa State Conference, has led to a merger of THE NEWS LETTER and *Old and New*, to become effective January 1, 1910. The new publication will be the same size as *Old and New*—sixteen pages and covers—and the price will be fifty cents for ten numbers. The initial number will be sent to all present subscribers to either paper. It is hoped all will continue with the new publication. Make checks or money orders payable to Ernest C. Smith, secretary.

The returns from last month's appeal for support shows that the Conference paper means more to the isolated liberals and weaker churches than to the stronger churches. The first subscriptions came from isolated individuals; the first draft for $5.00, with its accompanying list of ten subscribers, came from Brooklyn, Mich., where there has been no minister for some time and where there is no church building.

RELIGION AND PROGRESS.

However much we, as liberal Christians, may differ at other points, I think it is understood within our ranks—would that it were outside—that we do not hold religion to be necessarily antithetic to progress. Here is a factor, we believe, which is capable of entering into human experience:

> "As something not to trouble and disturb it,
> but to complete, adding life to life."

In asserting this we are not disposed to take issue with those who assert the contrary of religion as it generally is held. With them we have to lament the unprogressiveness of the masses who are known as religious. We would like to be able to speak more enthusiastically, but we cannot and be true to our honest convictions.

That religion has in many ways been a beneficent factor in human life, we believe. That it has often tamed fierce men, that it has softened and subdued their passions and rendered it easier and safer for them to dwell together, we grant; that it has lightened the severity of men's lot, that it has given them courage in the midst of difficulties and perplexities, that it has proved a comfort to them in their hours of bereavement and sorrow, and that it has enabled them to face death and the grave hopefully, we assert.

On the other hand, we have been frank enough to admit that, as usually conceived and cherished, religion has been a retrogressive force in human society, that oftener than not it has been antagonistic to progress, holding man back and keeping him from coming into his own in the domain of thought, especially in the sphere of science and philosophy.

Then, too, despite the wide-spread disposition of many to laud Christianity as a religion which makes for progress, we feel that we are warranted with certain of its critics in raising the question whether it has not usually proved repressive, whether it has not on the whole hindered thought and shown itself the foe of science. If we stop to think of it we shall have to admit that there is no bitterer enemy of the scientific study of the Bible and Christianity today than the church itself. The head of the largest communion of Christendom has declared himself unequivocally to be opposed to such investigation as the

scientific method demands. And while it is true there are eminent scholars in orthodox churches who are reasonably sincere in their handling of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures these churches are, we know, still hostile to a fearless investigation thereof, or at least to a frank setting forth of the conclusions to which such investigations had led. And is it not a lamentable, yet potent, fact that the leaders of thought in the scientific and philosophical realms for a century or more, if they have not been in liberal Christian bodies, have virtually been unattached to any church? Would we not be far behind where we now are, a century at least behind, were it not that many thinkers have thought lightly of the trammels of orthodox Christianity?

Yet to us there seems to be no sufficient reason for believing that the great verities of religion, and especially of the Christian religion as proclaimed so winsomely by the Galilean Jesus, stand in the path of progress. The dogmatism of Paul and of Augustine, of Luther and of Calvin, of Edwards and of Hodge, surely does; but not the thought of those who have gone to such refreshing fountains as Jesus opened up, who have spoken as he so confidently spoke, of religion as summed up in love to God and love to man, love which awakens reverence and kindles hope as one dwells in thought upon the Divine Benignity on the one hand and love which consecrates to the service of one's fellows on the other. The coming of our National Conference to Chicago last September has furnished us here in the West a fresh opportunity to emphasize the fact that we as a liberal body believe that religion as held by us is not opposed to progress. None of our members in the past have been more loyal to our faith and more enthusiastic as its exponents than those Unitarians who have been leaders of American thought and life. Nor have we today any more sincere and loyal members than Charles W. Eliot, William H. Taft and scores of others hardly less prominent as public men. He would be rash indeed who should assert that the late Carroll D. Wright and the late George F. Hoar were less enthusiastic in their allegiance to their church than to their country which they served with a devotion the memory of which stirs our hearts; yet these men have been typical Unitarians of thought and culture. While other churches have claimed such noble men, who will deny the fact that oftener than not they have been intellectually in revolt at certain points in their attitude toward the creeds of their churches? Such contributions to progress as they have been able to make they have made in spite of rather than because of their fellowship with those who have held tenaciously to mediaeval dogmas.

EDWARD DAY.

Wichita, Kas.

THE ALLIANCE MEETING AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

This is only an echo of the meeting of many women, gathered from the East and the West, the South and the North, all animated by one enthusiasm—the prosperity of our church!

The presence of all the national officers made this an exception to the usual gathering of this society, as Mrs. Delano brightly said, "a record breaker for Chicago." Surely the goodly audience assembled in the beautiful ball room of the hotel must have gladdened the hearts of those officers.

By the gracious courtesy of our Mrs. Dudley each woman was presented with a printed copy of the Alliance hymn, which was sung in opening the meeting; these slips were afterwards cherished as mementoes of the occasion; then followed a prayer by Rev. Celia Parker Woolley. The roll call! How it stirred memories of the time when as children we heard our names and responded "present." The same old childish thrill came in response to the roll call of the National Alliance, just as it does at the associate meetings. It made one's blood tingle from head to heels to hear the responses from the various states—Massachusetts with her thirty-six, Maine, New Hampshire, California, Louisiana, Canada, and Illinois with 116!

Nearly every state was represented; one of the Southern states—Alabama, was it?—had no representation. Indeed, is there any branch of our work in that state to be represented? If I mistake not, one of the New England states was in this small minority.

Of the reports submitted by the vice-presidents few facts remain in the memory, but why search for such when the yearly *Manual* is so generous in its information—new branches forming, greater increase, year by year, in monies earned and distributed, with some few disheartenments, the dropping out of some few struggling branches and the crippling of one branch by the failure of the town bank.

The vice-president of the New England states, Mrs. Atherton, told of the alliances in her district, of their unmeasured wealth of material in the way of experience, their long record of church work—said record being an integral part of colonial history; of the First Church of Plymouth, set up by the Pilgrim fathers and mothers, of King's Chapel, the old parishes of Salem, Newburyport and Old Concord, each with its wealth of association; of large numbers of flourishing branches in easy communication with each other, of the close friendship of churches of other denominations and a goodly number of the national board within easy reach. Given the above matter and a limited few minutes in which to unburden her store of information, the result was like one of her own New

England rivers, rushing bank full, in the spring flood time, presenting an even, strong, smooth surface over dams, rapids, rocks, fallen trees—whatever lay in its course.

Mrs. Forbes of Brooklyn presented the report of the Middle States and Canada, the latter a particularly interesting locality for our work, treading as it does in the path beaten out by the old Jesuit Fathers.

Mrs. Delano spoke of the encouraging outlook of the work in these middle western states.

The Southern states sent Mrs. Churchill, most charming in the cheerful outlook which she presented of the problems in her work; the small parishes, widely separated, one from the other; the lack of funds, and, though she did not mention it frankly, the hostility of the churches longer established, toward our liberal faith. Behind her matter-of-fact statements of the various enterprises, successes or discouragements of the Alliance work lurked dim visions of De Soto, and his followers, La Salle, Bona Venture, Madame Delphine, St. Augustine with its long ago past, the Florida of today and its fashionable life.

"I am scared to death," said the Rocky Mountain vice-president, Mrs. John Boyd Davis. In spite of the fear expressed, the ability to accomplish remained and Mrs. Davis gave a rattling good exposition of the state of Alliance work in her territory. She made a vigorous plea for more frequent visits from the national officers. In this plea she was earnestly seconded by the officer from the Pacific Coast, Miss Griffith. The chief obstacle to more successful work by the Alliances under her direction is the immense stretch of miles in her territory. As far as the East is from us of the Middle West, viz.: a thousand miles, so far is it from her most southern society to the one at the most northern limit. The women from the Southern, Rocky Mountain and Pacific districts laid much stress upon the good work accomplished by the postoffice mission, so that when Mrs. St. John of Philadelphia read the report of the postoffice mission chairman, it was but a corroboration of the remarks already made.

Enthusiasm was the keynote of the entire meeting, on the part of the president evidenced by the pretty flush in her cheeks, on the part of the speakers in the sinking of themselves in their subject, and in the audience by the sincere and hearty applause following the various addresses.

And now one word about the address of welcome to these visitors by Mrs. Delano. Nothing could have been more dainty, more cordial or pat. Western hospitality was ably exemplified by the little woman from the Third church.

—Read before the Alliance of the First Church, Chicago, by Mrs. H. B. Colby.

JESUS OF NAZARETH—GRADE VIII.

This last manual of the junior series of the Beacon Sunday School manuals, written by Charles E. Park, contains thirty-six lessons dealing with the pivotal happenings in the career of Jesus. The narrative of the gospels is followed very closely, with no reference to the crassly supernatural features of the record. Nor are the teachings of Jesus referred to except incidentally. The child simply learns that on one occasion, finding the synagogue too small for his audience, Jesus took them out to the hillside and there preached that sermon which has come down to us as the sermon on the Mount. For the teachings of that sermon the teacher must presumably draw upon the Bible itself. Following each lesson are a dozen questions which deal for the most part with points in the narrative, but some of which have reference to the connection between those events and the after life of the church. Following the lessons are "helps" for teachers, which are simply answers to the questions at the ends of the lessons. Some of them seem quite unnecessary. For instance question one of Lesson XII is, "In whose boat might Jesus have crossed the Sea of Galilee?" The teacher would be rare indeed who would have to turn to the "helps" to find that "Peter and Andrew owned a boat and Jesus might have crossed over in this." If the teacher's aids had been of a more advanced type, with perhaps some notes on the relative historic value of the material of the lessons, they would surely have been more valuable. As a simple life and characterization of Jesus, however, the book is well written in a natural tone that is calculated to bring home to the pupil a clear idea of a lovable and human Jesus.

LLEWELLYN JONES.

Chicago, Ill.

THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE—GRADE XII.

"The Bible as Literature," by John M. Wilson, begins with a description of Bible lands, times and people. A careful analysis of the Pentateuch follows, showing its composite nature. The results of the higher criticism concerning each of the books, nearly in the order in which they stand, are clearly set forth. Isaiah and Jeremiah being placed before Amos and Hosea, somewhat disturbs the historical sequence, which as a whole is not very clearly defined.

The New Testament chapters seem not always to accord with the most recent authorities. This is, however, not the most important point for Sunday School work. Literature to folk who are living seriously, is hardly real literature unless in some way it be a true reflection of life, and bring to the reader some light of experience, some fire of inspiration. Only insofar as the student finds these in the Bible, does it become real literature to him, however correct his knowledge of its composition.

For pupils of seventeen this book seems poorly adapted. There is so much critical material condensed into one year's work, that I fear the pupils would have only vague ideas of that side of the Bible study. Moreover, it seems to me that the parts of the Bible which are of the greatest literary and religious value are not sufficiently emphasized. Nowhere does hero or prophet stand out with graphic color, that he may help to fashion the ideals and aspirations of the student.

Especially conspicuous to me is the lack of orderly references. One of the chief needs of both teacher and pupil is to get the often confused and incoherent material of the books into the right order; to know what goes together and what to omit to make a consecutive story, and where to find the parts best worth making one's own. We can hardly expect the student to read all of every book and find for himself the high places. Is it possible, really, to condense the whole Bible profitably into thirty-six lessons?

BELLE MACFARLAND.

Chicago, Ill.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The work in all branches of the parish is now in hand and the year promises very well. The work of the Benevolent Society, which has usually opened exclusively for charity about January 1, this year sprang into great activity before October 1, in order to make preparations for an Alliance Christmas sale, held November 19. All-day sewing meetings have been held each week with an attendance sometimes numbering 25. The Alliance had a most successful luncheon in opening the year's work and has an interesting program prepared for all the meetings of the year. The monthly vesper service has been again opened auspiciously and the post-card calendar delivered to every family on Saturday morning has demonstrated its great usefulness. The Arcady club, under the auspices of the Alliance, hold two meetings monthly. At one a supper at 6:30 is followed by a social, the singing of old college songs and an hour and a half with the poems of Tennyson. At the other meeting the poetry at 8 p. m. is followed by a brief social.

Best of all this year is the organization of the social service committee under the able chairmanship of Mr. Emmet L. Richardson. This committee meets on the third Sunday of each month immediately after church. It includes in its membership all the members of the parish who direct or assist in the direction of the various works of charity and social betterment in Milwaukee. At present we have eighteen of the leading philanthropic organizations represented. They meet to exchange information and counsel as to their several works in hand, hopes, difficulties, needs of workers or money.

This committee has already held three meetings and has justified its organization. It promises to be a very effective instrument in facilitating the Federation of City Charities, which is now in process of achievement in Milwaukee.

The ministers of the East Side met recently with their wives for dinner at the Unitarian parsonage and made plans for following more satisfactorily the specific needs of that portion of the city.

Dr. William C. Gannett's friends, many old and many new, gave him a hearty greeting when he preached for the minister October 3.

Madison, Wis.—The season's work has opened most auspiciously. The Alliance is holding semi-monthly meetings at the members' homes. At the meeting November 4 the day was given up to sewing for the city hospital. The Lend-a-Hand Club held a largely attended meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. T. S. Morris, when plans for the season's work were discussed. The pastor's class meeting at the close of the morning service numbers fifty, mostly students and young people. It is now reading President Eliot's "The Religion of the Future." Several meetings of the Y. P. R. U. have been held on Sunday evening with attendance varying from 15 to 40. The semi-annual meeting of the parish brought out more than one hundred and fifty of the members to partake of a supper. Hon. H. M. Lewis was chosen president of the parish to succeed Justice Siebecker. Professor Flint, Mrs. Pudor and the pastor reported on the National Conference at Chicago.

The foundations of the new parish house are being laid. This fine edifice will greatly add to the usefulness of this society. All the social and literary activities will go into the new building, as well as the Sunday School and pastor's room. The present edifice will be adapted to the change, the parlors opened further into the auditorium and the whole interior redecorated.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—We are having as usual a busy church year. Aside from the regular services and work the Women's Society is making careful preparations for the annual Christmas Bazaar, to be held on December 8. Our Men's Club has had two meetings, one addressed by Rev. E. C. Smith of Chicago, a former minister, and the second addressed by U. S. Senator J. C. Burrows.

A choral union has recently been organized among our young people, and will assist at the Thanksgiving service of the Unity Society.

A primary department has been started for our Sunday School and is steadily growing in numbers and interest. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote of Ann Arbor gave the address before our Young People's Society on November 18, and the address was followed by a social hour.

A regular monthly sacred concert is given on the first Sunday evening of each month, at which time the best musical talent that can be procured appears on our program.

FROM THE CHURCHES OF THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE.

In the Omaha church Rev. Newton Mann has begun his ninth series of fortnightly Sunday morning lectures on the general topic of "Schemes of Social Betterment." These lectures are largely of a historical character, but one who knows Mr. Mann will not doubt that they are enlivened with positive criticism and the expression of sound convictions. We understand that once in two weeks these lectures are given in the place of the regular morning service and sermon. In the past they have been largely attended.

In the Kansas City church, Rev. V. M. Cady, minister, the Thalian Dramatic Society, composed of young people within and without the church recently cleared eighty dollars on a department store and cafe, the proceeds of which will be spent on a stereopticon.

On the first and third Fridays of the month a public lecture is given at 3 p. m. This is followed by an organ recital and a vesper service. Mrs. Bertha Chapman Cady lectures on the following topics during November and December: "Nature Study in the Home," "Answering Children's Questions," "Adolescent Love," and "Place of Love in Life." These lectures are given under the auspices of the Women's Alliance.

A printing press has been recently acquired by the church as an aid in spreading abroad our message.

In the Wichita church, Rev. Edward Day says that since Ham and Clarke have ceased work at the south of him he feels more than ever on "the firing line." However he is on pleasant terms with the people of the other churches in the city and is receiving more recognition at home and abroad than any other pastor of the city. He has had four papers this season before women's clubs upon sociological and literary topics; he is Tennyson and Browning lecturer this semester in Fairmount college, giving two hours a week to this work. Chicago University in *The Biblical World* has recently published two of his biblical studies, Oxford, England, University has published another, and *The Maccabean* (a Zionist), is publishing a series of his articles on the "Social Idealism of the Prophets."

The Topeka church is more active than usual. The minister, Rev. J. H. Jones, is fast gaining the reputation of being the best preacher in the city. The Associate Alliance recently met with this church for a day's program and dinner. Associate Justice Rosseau A. Burch of the supreme court is conducting a study class Sunday afternoons on "The Truths of Evolution as They Apply to the Religious Faith and Life of the World." Unity Club is studying the Gedman Drama under the direction of Prof. T. W. Todd of Washburn College. The annual fair of the Alliance will be held in December and the annual church banquet in January.

At Lincoln, Nebraska, Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly has recently completed the building of a residence for himself. He served last summer as agent for and secretary of the State School for Dependent Children. The church work is being vigorously conducted. Arrangements will probably be made for an exchange of two weeks with the minister of the church in Lawrence, Kansas, during the month of January.

The Lawrence, Kansas, church is rendering a larger service than it has in the past. Its word through *The Open Way,* the parish paper, is being extended farther than ever. A large distribution of Unitarian literature is made both in the city among the students of Kansas University and through the state. The students' religious study class, conducted by the minister, Rev. F. M. Bennett, is well attended. A series of lectures on astronomy is being given on Friday evenings by Professor Miller of Kansas University. The new organ is largely used, a series of organ recitals and musicals being conducted by Professor Skilton, assisted by local talent. The opportunity for extending our influence through the student population looms larger than ever. The need for more money and equipment and more workers is manifest.

The secretary's Sundays since the last NEWS LETTER went to press have been spent at Sheffield and Buda (two Sundays), Youngstown, Ohio, Madison, Wis., and Serena, Ill. The Sheffield church hopes soon to settle a minister, in which case it is likely that the Buda church, four miles distant, will share his services. In connection with the Sunday at Youngstown the secretary visited and spoke at Cleveland, Conneaut and Salem, and spent two days at the Meadville Theological School, speaking twice to the student body. This was his first visit to the Meadville School and had the effect of stimulating his courage and his confidence in the future of our denominational work.

The Chicago Associate Alliance will meet on Thursday, December 2, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Third Unitarian Church, Chicago, Monroe street, near Kedzie avenue. There will be a report of the philanthropic news committee, and an address on "Our Missionary Work," by Rev. Ernest C. Smith, secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference. Offering for missionary work. Luncheon at 1 o'clock.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Howard Mac Queary.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote.

Bloomington, Ill.—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, Hotel Del Prado.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 4232 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev August Dellgren, 1529 E. Wellington Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Central Unitarian Society, Music Hall, Fine Arts Building. Lecture at 11 A. M. Dr. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam, 4355 Oakenwald Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, 2104 Grand Ave.

Denver, Colo.—First Unitarian Society, Broadway and 19th Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, D. D., 329 Broadway.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Gertrude von Petzold.

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebauer, 1209 E. Third St.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 4 P. M.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Colo.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45. Rev. Milton R. Kerr.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills, Traverse City.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Vernon M. Cady, 3327 Baltimore Ave.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 519 Fourth St., W.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly, 1928 Prospect Ave.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Wilson M. Backus, 803 Mary Place.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, Colorado Springs.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid, 656 Portland Ave.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio—First Unitarian Church, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman, Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day, 3215 Douglas Ave.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg. Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio—Cor. Elm St. and Bissell Ave. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Beers, 1406 Elm St.

"Let us all join hands and help for today we are alive together."

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